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SUBJECT: U.S. COMPANIES ATTEMPTS TO MARKET TIME SHARING SERVICES IN JAPAN.

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1. RE QUESTION PARA 5 REFTEL, UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL RECORD CARRIERS (IRC'S) ARE GRANTED AUTHORITY TO SERVE JAPAN BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AFTER THEY HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT KDD. THE AGREEMENTS STIPULATE THE KIND OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE RESPECTIVE CARRIERS. GENERALLY, UNDER TERMS OF THESE AGREEMENTS US (IRC'S) AND KDD HAVE OWNERSHIP INTERESTS THEORETICALLY TO MID POINT OF INTERNATIONAL CABLE OR SATELLITE CIRCUITS. NORMALLY QUESTIONS OF RIGHTS OF A PARTY TO UNILATERAL ACTION ARE GOVERNED BY REFERENCE TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF IRC'S AND JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT UNDER AGREEMENTS MUST CONFORM TO DOMESTIC LAWS AND POLICIES OF RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THIS GENERALLY PRECLUDES UTILIZING TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN PERMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIONS.

2. FCC ADVISES THAT SPECIFIC ISSUE CALLED "SHARED USE" IN US APPEARS TO BE PART OF BASIS FOR MPT OBJECTION PARA 3 REFTEL. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE

FCC AND THE CCITT. FCC INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT THAT US IS NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH GOJ UNTIL MATTER IS RESOLVED IN US.

3. FCC ADVISES THAT US COMPANIES PROPOSING TIME-SHARE SERVICE IN JAPAN ARE AWARE THAT TARIFF AND POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO QUESTION OF 'SHARED USE' ARE NOW PENDING BEFORE FCC. ROBINSON

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